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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for a creativity and innovation task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION TASK FORCE.

2 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.

3 a. A creativity and innovation task force is established.  
4 The task force shall be initially convened by July 1, 2011,  
5 with staffing and administrative support provided by the  
6 legislative services agency.

7 b. The task force shall be convened for the following  
8 purposes:

9 (1) To foster the creation of new businesses in the state  
10 and to increase the creation of jobs.

11 (2) To encourage and reward creativity, invention, and  
12 innovation by Iowa residents.

13 2. MEMBERSHIP.

14 a. The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) One member selected by the Iowa small business  
16 development center.

17 (2) One member selected by the Iowa association of community  
18 college trustees.

19 (3) One member selected by the John Pappajohn  
20 entrepreneurial center at the university of Iowa.

21 (4) Two members selected by the Iowa bankers association  
22 representing community bankers.

23 (5) Two members selected by the national federation of  
24 independent business.

25 (6) Two members selected by the Iowa association of business  
26 and industry.

27 (7) Two members selected by the professional developers of  
28 Iowa.

29 b. The members shall be appointed in compliance with the  
30 requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.19, and shall  
31 serve for the duration of the task force.

32 c. The members of the task force are entitled to receive  
33 reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while engaged in the  
34 performance of official duties.

35 d. The task force shall elect a chairperson and the

1 recommendations of the task force shall be approved by  
2 a majority of the members. A majority of the task force  
3 constitutes a quorum and an affirmative vote of the majority  
4 of members is necessary to approve the recommendations of the  
5 task force. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the  
6 right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties  
7 of the task force.

8 3. DUTIES. The task force shall do all of the following:

- 9 a. Research and evaluate methods of encouraging and  
10 rewarding innovation and entrepreneurship.  
11 b. Create a forum and a process for listening to and  
12 addressing the concerns of inventors and entrepreneurs.  
13 c. Develop ideas for identifying innovations that have the  
14 potential to become successful new businesses in the state.  
15 d. Recommend a process for helping inventors and innovators  
16 commercialize inventions and innovations.  
17 e. Identify the barriers to business creation and expansion  
18 and the hurdles inhibiting the commercialization of research.

19 4. REPORT. The task force shall submit a written report  
20 containing its findings and recommendations to the governor  
21 and the general assembly by January 1, 2012. The report shall  
22 include a plan for facilitating the development of programs  
23 that enhance the commercialization of research.

24 5. DISSOLUTION. The task force shall complete its duties  
25 no later than January 1, 2012, but may complete its duties and  
26 dissolve itself prior to that date.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill establishes a creativity and innovation task  
29 force. The task force must be convened by July 1, 2011.

30 The task force is to be convened for the following purposes:

31 (1) to foster the creation of new businesses in the state and  
32 to increase the creation of jobs; and (2) to encourage and  
33 reward creativity, invention, and innovation by Iowa residents.

34 The task force consists of one member selected by the Iowa  
35 small business development center, one member selected by the

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1 Iowa association of community college trustees, one member  
2 selected by the John Pappajohn entrepreneurial center, two  
3 members selected by the Iowa bankers association representing  
4 community bankers, two members selected by the national  
5 federation of independent business, two members selected by  
6 the Iowa association of business and industry, and two members  
7 selected by the professional developers of Iowa.

8 The task force has certain duties related to new ideas and  
9 methods for fostering job creation and encouraging creativity,  
10 and must file a report with the general assembly and the  
11 governor by January 1, 2012, when the task force is dissolved.